Docket No. 295199US0PCT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

EXAMINER: VOGEL, N.T. KEIJI ENDO, et al.

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS **ALEXANDRIA. VA 22313-1450**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully traverse the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed November 16, 2009 as being improper. Specifically, in the Notice the Examiner states "the claims have alterations which have not been indicated by appropriate strike-through or underlining. See MPEP 714." The Examiner does not cite any claims to which this allegation pertains. Applicants have reviewed the claims and submit that all alterations relative to the originally presented claims have been marked with the appropriate strike-through or underlining. Thus, no corrective action is necessary.

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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